

**Chambers of District Judge Lynn Nettleton Hughes**

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**Lynn Nettleton Hughes**  
District Judge

Education: Alabama 1963 BA; Texas 1966 JD; Virginia 1992 LLM  
Began Service: December 17, 1985  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, South Texas College of Law (1973-2003); Advisor, European Community (1989); Chair, Board of Advisors, Houston Journal of International Law (1989-1999); Adjunct Professor, University of Texas School of Law (1990-1991); Advisor, Republic of Moldova's Constitution (1993); Advisor, Romanian privatization (1997); Advisor, George Mason University (1999)

**Judicial:** Judge, 165th Judicial District of Texas (1979-1980); Judge, 189th Judicial District of Texas (1981-1985)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1966-1972); Partner, Howard & Hughes (1973-1979)

**Current Memberships:** The American Law Institute; American Society for Legal History; Council on Foreign Relations; State Bar of Texas

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Cynthia Ericson** ..... (713) 250-5900  
Education: Texas A&M BA; Tulane JD  
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**Chambers of District Judge Kenneth M. Hoyt**

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**Kenneth M. Hoyt**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Texas Southern 1969 AB, 1972 JD  
Began Service: April 1988  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Instructor, South Texas College (1981-1982); Adjunct Professor, Thurgood Marshall School of Law (1983-1984)

**Judicial:** Presiding Judge, Texas District Court, 125th Civil District (1981-1982); Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, First District (1985-1988)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Wickliff, King, Hoyt & Jones (1972-1975); Partner, Anderson, Hodge, Jones & Hoyt (1975-1979); Partner, Hoyt, Webster & Andrews (1979-1981); Private Practice (1983-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1972-1978)

**Current Memberships:** National Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

**Staff**

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Education: Texas Southern JD  
Judicial Assistant **Elaine A. Roberson** ..... (713) 250-5613  
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**Sim Lake**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
Education: Texas A&M 1966 BA; Texas 1969 JD  
Began Service: September 2, 1988  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Legal Practice:** Fulbright & Jaworski (1969-1970); Fulbright & Jaworski (1972-1988)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1970-1971)

**Current Memberships:** The American Law Institute; Houston Bar Association; Houston Bar Foundation, Houston Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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**Melinda Harmon**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Radcliffe 1969 AB; Texas 1972 JD  
Began Service: 1989  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable John V. Singleton, Jr., United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (1973-1975)

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court, 280th Judicial District, Civil Division (1988-1989)

**Legal Practice:** Litigation Section, Exxon Company, United States of America (1975-1988)

**Current Memberships:** Houston Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Andino Reynal** ..... (713) 250-5194  
Began Service: August 2005  
Term Expires: August 2007  
Career Law Clerk **Nancy Benjamin** ..... (713) 250-5194  
Education: Smith 1965 BA; NYU 1966 MA;  
Houston 1984 PhD, 1987 JD  
Secretary **Sherry Taylor** ..... (713) 250-5194

**Chambers of District Judge John D. Rainey**

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**John D. Rainey**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Southern Methodist 1967 BBA, 1972 JD  
Began Service: May 28, 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court, 149th Judicial District (1987-1990)

**Legal Practice:** Taylor, Mizell, Price, Corrigan & Smith (1973-1979); Partner, Gilbert, Gilbert & Rainey (1979-1982); Partner, Rainey & LeBoeuf (1982-1986)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1969-1970)

**Current Memberships:** State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas; Victoria County Bar Association

**Chambers of District Judge Samuel B. Kent**

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**Samuel B. Kent**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: Texas 1971 BA, 1975 JD  
Began Service: October 1, 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Royston, Rayzor, Vickery & Williams (1975-1990)

**Staff**

Secretary **Donna Wilkerson** ..... (409) 766-3551

**Chambers of District Judge Lee H. Rosenthal**

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**Lee H. Rosenthal**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952  
Education: Chicago 1974 BA, 1977 JD  
Began Service: 1992  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable John R. Brown, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1977-1978)

**Legal Practice:** Associate then Partner, Baker & Botts (1978-1992)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The American Inns of Court; The American Law Institute; Houston Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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**Chambers of District Judge Janis Graham Jack**

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**Janis Graham Jack**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Baltimore 1974 BA; South Texas 1981 JD  
Began Service: March 14, 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Member, Corpus Christi Board of Equalization

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1981-1994)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Fifth Circuit District Judges Association; Maritime Law Association of the United States; National Association of Women Judges; Philosophical Society of Texas; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Nathan W. Nelson** ..... (361) 888-3525  
Education: St John's U (MN) 2002 BA;  
Minnesota 2005 JD  
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**Vanessa D. Gilmore**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1956  
Education: Hampton 1977 BS; Houston 1981 JD  
Began Service: 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Houston

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Vickery & Kilbride (1981-1985); Associate, Sue Schechter & Associates (1985-1986); Partner, Vickery, Kilbride, Gilmore & Vickery (1986-1994)

**Staff**

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